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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OVERSEAS STAFF OF
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

1. CITING EXPANSION OF US TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AMERICAN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS, PLUS CONTINUING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AMERICANS LIVING ABROAD, TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS OFFICES AND PERSONNEL OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

2. MAIN PURPOSES OF PROPOSED INCREASE ARE:

(A) TO PROVIDE NEEDED TAX INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ROUGHLY 340,000 AMERICAN HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD RESIDING ABROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 40,000 FOREIGN CORPORATIONS CONTROLLED OR INFLUENCED BY U.S. INTERESTS WORLDWIDE.

(B) TO OVERCOME THE SERIOUS AND GROWING NON-COMPLIANCE
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SITUATION IN WHICH NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

ABROAD CURRENTLY FILE NO RETURNS, AND FAULTY REPORTING OF TAXABLE INCOME IN AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

3. ONE ASPECT OF EXPANSION PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ESTABLISHING FIVE NEW OVERSEAS OFFICES, EACH HAVING ONE REVENUE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE-RSR, ONE ASSISTANT RSR AND ONE AMERICAN CLERK, WITH ADJUSTMENTS IN TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS NOW ASSIGNED TO SEVERAL EXISTING OFFICES. INTER ALIA, PROPOSAL WOULD REDISTRIBUTE AREA PRESENTLY COVERED OUT OF ROME INTO THREE TERRITORIES COVERED FROM BEIRUT, JOHANNESBURG AND ROME. BEIRUT OFFICE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LEBANON, TURKEY, GREECE, CYPRUS, LIBYA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, IRAN, AND THE ARAB PENINSULA STATES.

4. IRS ESTIMATES OFFICE STAFF OF THREE WOULD NEED 800-900 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE, PREFERABLY BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN EMBASSY. FURNITURE SHOULD INCLUDE A COMBINATION SAFE. ANTICIPATE MINIMAL USE OF MISSION COMMUNICATIONS. WOULD COVER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COSTS UNDER SAS. ALL IRS PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE TOP SECRET CLEARANCES.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED WITH IRS REPS FACT THAT BEIRUT LOCATION POTENTIALLY INVOLVES SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS, AND IRS IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ANOTHER LOCATION IF NECESSARY. INITIAL PREFERENCE FOR BEIRUT DERIVES FROM CENTRALITY OF LOCATION, EASE OF TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS TO ENTIRE ARAB AREA, PLUS FACT THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED AMERICAN FAMILIES RESIDE IN LEBANON. IRS HOPES TO ACTIVATE OFFICE WITHIN 4 MONTHS IF PROPOSAL IS APPROVED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. BEFORE CIRCULATING PROPOSAL FOR ATTENTION OF ALL AFFECTED POSTS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CANDID ASSESSMENT PARTICULARLY OF POSSIBLE SECURITY PROBLEMS, PLUS IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AND LIKELY ATTITUDE OF HOST GOVERNMENT.

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